

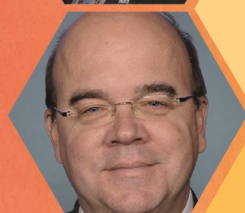


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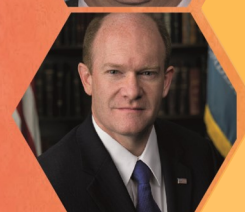
Our Actions are our Future.



"For more than 70 years, FAO has played a critical role in combatting global hunger as a preeminent knowledge organization and global facilitator. USDA continues to partner with FAO to help meet the needs of the global population today, the 2030 population, and beyond."
- **SECRETARY SONNY PERDUE (USDA)**



"There's simply no excuse for the level of world hunger we currently see. We must continue the fight against food insecurity until everyone in the United States and around the world has access to the basic human right of adequate food."
- **REP. JIM MCGOVERN (D-MA)**



"With global hunger on the rise, World Food Day is an important reminder of why the United States needs to sustain its investments in food security both at home and abroad."
- **SEN. CHRIS COONS (D-DE)**



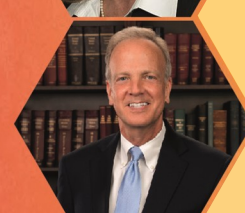
"I fully support the FAO's goal of zero hunger by 2030, and am proud to raise awareness of that worthy goal and World Food Day with this resolution."
- **REP. CHELLIE PINGREE (D-ME)**



"World Food Day should be seen as a call to action for us all...The U.S. has made significant contributions to improve nutrition and agriculture worldwide, and we are committed to building on that progress to end global hunger."
- **SEN. JOHN BOOZMAN (R-AR)**



"Farmers and ranchers are key to bringing an end to global food shortages and preserving the lives of millions of people. Recognizing and raising awareness of October 16 as World Food Day is a great way to promote action to end hunger around the world."
- **REP. LYNN JENKINS (R-KS)**



"Hunger is an issue that transcends politics, and together we must remain committed to finding new and innovative ways to bolster food security and combat hunger."
- **SEN. JERRY MORAN (R-KS)**



"On World Food Day, we take time to focus on the actions we can all take to reduce food waste-because everyone deserves access to safe, healthy, and affordable food."
- **MINISTER LAWRENCE MACAULAY (AAFC)**



"We all need healthy food to thrive. Today is World Food Day. It is a day when we can think about the food we eat, how it is produced and how we can ensure that everyone has access to the food they need."
- **JULIE DABRUSIN MP (Toronto—Danforth, Lib)**



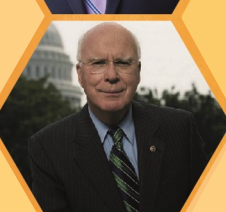
"Today is World Food Day, an important day to recognize and take action to address food insecurity, and to inspire solutions for change at home and abroad. Unfortunately, far too many Canadians still struggle with putting food on the table."
- **ALISTAIR MACGREGOR MP (Cowichan—Malahat—Langford, NDP)**



"Canadians need a solution to food insecurity right now – and that means supporting local, nutritious food, and ensuring better access to that food for all Canadians – and especially for kids, seniors, and people in rural and northern communities."
- **JAGMEET SINGH (Leader of Canada's NDP)**



"World Food Day is a reminder that millions go hungry every day and that we must work together to ensure everyone has access to the food they need."
- **REP. DAVID YOUNG (R-IA)**



"I'm proud to celebrate World Food Day by continuing to work for the expansion and improvement of international food aid, nutrition and local food access programs."
- **SEN. PATRICK LEAHY (D-VT)**



"Did you know women and children worldwide suffer the most serious effects of hunger and malnutrition? ...I fight to bring awareness and action for those who suffer from hunger and for the need to ensure food security and nutritious diets for all."
- **REPRESENTATIVE MARCIA FUDGE (D-OH)**



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16 October 2018, Rome, Italy - World Food Day exhibition at FAO headquarters atrium

World Food Day Issue:

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Readers,

"Hunger is certainly the worst manifestation of malnutrition that a human being can face. But the Sustainable Development Goal number 2 is not limited to the battle against hunger.

It addresses all forms of malnutrition and also sustainable agricultural development. This is the Zero Hunger concept."

**José Graziano da Silva,
Director-General of FAO**

**World Food Day Opening
Statement**

16 October 2018

With 2030 just a decade away, World Food Day gave a clarion call for action and collaboration to end world hunger. To mark the day, U.S. House of Representatives and Senate introduced two resolutions recognizing the importance of World Food Day and FAO's lead role in combating global hunger.

FAO North America hosted a Capitol Hill briefing on this year's World Food Day theme "Our actions are our future. A #ZeroHunger world by 2030 is possible" to refocus policy makers' attention on global food security and nutrition issues. We also held a poetry contest highlighting hunger issues in collaboration with Poetry X Hunger to further amplify the call for action. Acting on this, UN colleagues from IOM, UNIC, UNRWA, UNDP and WFP joined FAO staff to volunteer at the Capital Area Food Bank to pack meals for distribution, a much-appreciated event. A widely attended Twitter chat (WFDChat), receiving 6 million impressions, also provided insights on how to transform food systems to achieve Zero Hunger.

At the World Food Prize in Des Moines, Iowa we co-hosted a side event with the Alliance to End Hunger at which this year's laureates Dr. David Nabarro and Dr. Laurence Haddad shared the stage and discussed pathways to ensure food and nutrition security amidst conflicts and climate variability.

In Washington, DC, FAO North America and IFPRI co-hosted a discussion on the key findings of SOFI 2018, at which Congressman McGovern emphasized the importance of U.S. leadership in supporting vulnerable populations affected by hunger.

In Ottawa, in partnership with CARE Canada and the Aga Khan Foundation Canada, we organized a technical discussion on the findings from the 2018 State of Food and Agriculture (SOFA 2018) report. The event featured Kamal Khara MP and Parliamentary Secretary to the Canadian Minister of International Development who provided high-level remarks calling for a change in the global perception on migration.

In November, we will co-host a panel discussion with CSIS on the impact of migration on agriculture and food security, and a roundtable discussion on scaling up climate smart agriculture in the U.S. with EcoAgriculture Partners. To recognize World Soils Day, FAO North America and The Nature Conservancy will convene a discussion on soil health and pollution. We invite you to join these and other events.

We hope you enjoy reading this special World Food Day issue.

**Vimlendra Sharan
Director, FAO Liaison Office for North America**

HIGHLIGHTS FROM NORTH AMERICA

World Food Prize Laureates Call for Climate Smart Nutrition



Left to Right: Tom Pesek (FAO); Vimlendra Sharan (FAO); Asma Lateef (Bread for the World Institute); World Food Prize Laureates Dr. Lawrence Haddad and Dr. David Nabarro; Rebecca Middleton (Alliance to End Hunger); Rev. David Beckmann (Alliance to End Hunger); and Roger Thurow.

17 October 2018, Des Moines, IA - FAO North America in partnership with the Alliance to End Hunger convened a timely side event with the 2018 World Food Prize Laureates, Dr. Lawrence Haddad and Dr. David Nabarro, on how to ensure food and nutrition security amidst rising conflict and climate variability. The event took place during the Borlaug Dialogue held annually in Des Moines, IA around World Food Day (October 16).

"How we can feed the 9 billion that will inhabit the world is the single largest challenge that we have to face in our lifetime," stated Ambassador Kenneth Quinn, President of the World Food Prize, in his welcoming remarks at the side event.

Vimlendra Sharan, Director of FAO North America, presented the key findings of FAO's latest report indicating that hunger levels are on rise for the third year in row, reaching 821 million in 2017. Rev. David Beckmann, President of the Alliance to End Hunger and Bread for the World, called on the public to ensure that Zero Hunger remains a priority within the U.S. government.

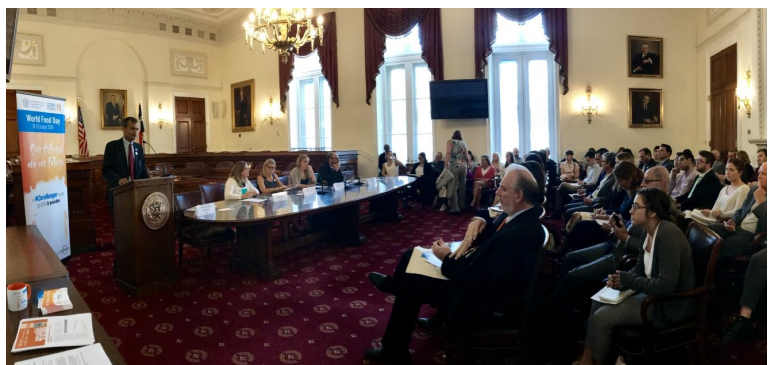
World Food Prize laureates Dr. Lawrence Haddad and Dr. David Nabarro provided keynote remarks reflecting on the success of the Scaling Up Nutrition movement, which significantly reduced the number of stunted children, highlighted the importance of ensuring that governments work with different stakeholders to prioritize nutrition programs for mothers and children in their national agendas. They also emphasized the need for resilient food systems and climate smart agriculture to sustainably achieve food security targets.

"Conflict and climate have massive effects on child stunting and wasting, effects that leave a legacy on children their entire lives," warned Dr. Haddad. Dr. Nabarro noted that nutrition, through agriculture and food systems, provides an opportunity to work towards all of the Sustainable Development Goals.

The remarks were followed by a discussion moderated by Roger Thurow, Senior Fellow on Global Food and Agriculture at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs, and author of *The First 1,000 Days*. Asma Lateef, Director of the Bread for the World Institute, closed the session with a call to work together and not in silos to "prevent hunger rather than react to it."

Read Dr. Lawrence Haddad's blog on the [insights](#) on the event.

Our Actions Are Our Future: World Food Day Hill Briefing



Vimlendra Sharan providing opening remarks in the House Agriculture Committee Room.

10 October 2018, Washington, DC - FAO North America in conjunction with the Congressional Hunger Caucus and the Congressional Food Waste Caucus hosted a briefing on this year's World Food Day theme "Our actions are our future. A #ZeroHunger world by 2030 is possible," and the triumphs and challenges along the way to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 2.

The event was opened by Vimlendra Sharan, Director of FAO North America. The panel was moderated by Kimberly Flowers, Director of the CSIS Global Food Security Project and featured Carrie Calvert, Managing Director of Nutrition and Agriculture Government Relations at Feeding America; Gawain Kripke, Director of Policy and Research at Oxfam America; and Libby Foley, Legislative Assistant in the Office of Congresswoman Betty McCollum (D-Minn). Speakers highlighted the recently reauthorized Global Food Security Act, which has been an effective tool in reducing hunger levels, as well as domestic efforts in the U.S. to standardize food labelling to reduce food waste.

Over 65 people attended, most of which were House and Senate staff members, along with international development practitioners, and food waste reduction advocates.

Planet Forward Students Attend the CFS in Rome



Edona Dervisholli (FAO); Harleen Marwah; Arianna Dunham; Sierra Williamson; Terrius Harris; Arianna Dunham; Dan Reed (Planet Forward)

15 -17 October 2018, Rome - The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) held its 45th session in Rome, Italy from Oct 15 to 19. Through a partnership between FAO North America and the George Washington University Planet Forward Initiative, four students from universities across the US were selected to participate in CFS 45 and the official World Food Day ceremony. Students took videos and pictures and conducted interviews at the conference to craft their stories that will be featured in the coming weeks. [Full Story](#)

HIGHLIGHTS FROM NORTH AMERICA

Expanding Our View on Migration: SOFA 2018



Kamal Khera, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Development.

30 October 2018, Ottawa, ON - FAO North America in partnership with CARE Canada and Aga Khan Foundation Canada convened a high-level public event on the 2018 State of Food and Agriculture report focusing on migration and climate change at the Aga Khan Foundation Canada headquarters in downtown Ottawa.

More than 125 participants attended the event from the Government of Canada, civil society, academia and research institutions, philanthropic foundations, multilateral organizations, and the private sector.

Vimlendra Sharan, Director of FAO North America, delivered the keynote address and presentation on the key findings of the report. Kamal Khera, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of International Development, delivered special remarks on behalf of the Government of Canada, highlighting Canada's strong commitment to harnessing migration to create opportunities and development. Khalil Shariff, CEO of the Aga Khan Foundation Canada, and Kadry Furany, Vice President for International Operations and Programs at CARE Canada, also provided remarks.

A panel discussion moderated by Genevieve Talbot, Program Officer for Africa at Peace and Development—Caritas Canada, followed. Speakers included Mariam Sow, CEO of Enda Tiers Monde, Dr. Prateep Nayak, Assistant Professor, School of Environment, Enterprise and Development, Waterloo University, and Pierre Kadet, Senior Manager for Food Security and Resilience to Climate Change at CARE Canada. Santiago Alba, Associate Director of Agriculture and Food Security at the International Development Research Centre, delivered closing remarks. [Read the full story](#)

Geographical Indications and Sustainability

22 October 2018, Washington, DC - FAO North America and the World Food Law Institute (WFLI) co-hosted the first of three special Geographical Indications Roundtables for the 2018-19 year. The initial event focused on Geographical Indications and Sustainability.

The discussion featured welcoming remarks from Marsha Echols, Director of WFLI, who described the sequence and significance of last year's GI programs and plans for 2018-19, followed by Vimlendra Sharan, Director of FAO North America who explained FAO's research and interest in the topic.

Florence Tartanac and Emilie Vandecandelaere, experts from FAO's Market Linkages and Value Chains Group based in Rome, shared updates on FAO's ongoing research with a detailed presentation entitled, "GI potential for boosting sustainability." Then international food policy scholar Fabio Parasecoli, Professor of Food Studies in the Department of Nutrition and Food Studies at New York University, discussed his ground experiences and collaborations with farmers and the public-private sector regarding the development of sustainable GIs. Speakers emphasized the importance of considering all aspects of the economic, social and environmental pillars of sustainability in developing GIs and the need for greater awareness and for steps to strengthen GI sustainability. [Read the full story](#)

Hunger Levels Rise For A Third Consecutive Year: SOFI 2018



Congressman Jim McGovern, 2nd District of Massachusetts

10 October 2018, Washington, DC - FAO North America and IFPRI co-hosted a discussion on the key findings of the 2018 State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World report at the IFPRI headquarters.

Special remarks were provided by Congressman Jim McGovern, 2nd District of Massachusetts and Co-Chair of the House Hunger Caucus, who called on government to not turn a blind eye to the grim findings of the report and to support people and communities most affected by war, conflict, natural disasters, and a changing climate.

Marco Sanchez Cantillo, Deputy-Director, Agricultural Development Economics, FAO presented insights on the report noting that climate change impacts such as frequent droughts are key drivers of the increase in global hunger levels.

Martien van Nieuwkoop, Director, Agriculture Global Practice, World Bank provided the keynote address and emphasized the Bank's work to minimize and mitigate climate impacts through all of its programs, and highlighted the importance of advancing climate smart agriculture.

The remarks were followed by a panel discussion moderated by Rajul Pandya-Lorch, Director of Communications and Public Affairs, IFPRI featuring Katrina Kosec, Senior Research Fellow, IFPRI; John McArthur, Senior Fellow, Global Economy and Development, Brookings Institution; and Tonya Rawe, Global Policy Lead for Food and Nutrition Security, CARE International.

[Click here](#) to watch the full session or read more about the event.



Participants at the Geographical Indications and Sustainability roundtable.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM NORTH AMERICA

EVENTS THIS MONTH

What	When	Where	Register
Migration, Agriculture, and Rural Development	Thursday, 8 Nov. 9:00 am - 10:30 am ET	CSIS Headquarters 1616 Rhode Island Avenue, NW Washington, DC	Register
Agricultural Landscapes & Climate Change in the U.S.	Thursday, 15 Nov 8:30 am - 11:00 am ET	FAO North America, 2121 K Street, Suite 800B, Washington, DC	Register
World Soils Day RoundTable	Wednesday, 28 Nov 8:30 - 10:30 am ET	FAO North America, 2121 K Street, Suite 800B, Washington, DC	Visit our website

Poets Call for Zero Hunger in First of Its Kind World Food Day Contest

15 October 2018, Washington, DC - FAO North America in partnership with Poetry X Hunger announced the top three winners of the inaugural World Food Day Poetry Contest at a special reception on the eve of the World Food Day at the FAO North America Office.

Judges Carla Christopher and Kim M. Baker— both renowned poets — selected the winning poem “Hunger Pains” by Aaron R. Whitehead for its unequivocal message and rhythm that enraptures and inspires. Followed by “Hunger #1” by Jesse Alexander in second place, and “Shutter” by Teri Ellen Cross Davis in third. Honorable mentions include “Ode to the Body in the Duman River” by Meg Eden, “Hunger Game” by Henry Crawford, and “The Voice of Hunger” by Diane Wilbon Parks.

“The connection between poetry and hunger is awareness. I think through my words, I can create a picture of what people are going through. This contest has given me an opportunity to bring awareness to situations, like world hunger, that people take for granted,” said Aaron R., first prize winner of the inaugural World Food Day poetry contest. [Read full story](#)

Hunger Pains

In a world where we are concerned about the economy and marketing numbers

How can we have people starving and dealing with hunger?

We're too far developed as a nation to be faced with this situation

So we have a plan and 2030 is our destination

I'm not talking about decreasing, I'm talking about elimination

So nobody is starving or walking around hungry in any nation

Speaking of our nation, it's strange to me

That in this land of plenty there's still people on the streets without food to eat

We pay millions of dollars for entertainment but that's another topic

People who are out here starving, we need to stop it

We have money for wars

We should be at war with not feeding the poor, this is something we shouldn't ignore

Family's walking around with their stomach's growling and sore

We as the people owe it to each other to do more

So let's depend on each other and help one another

To stop world hunger the world is going to need each other

So my challenge to you and my challenge to me

Do something small or large independently

Together Everyone Achieves More If we can unite as a team – world hunger can be no more

That sounds like a plan that's worth it to me

So let's embark on our journey and do little day by day until 2030

Aaron R.

Arlington, Virginia

aaronRpoems.com

Partner Corner: International Food Policy Research Institute (IFPRI)

In this section, FAO's Liaison Office for North America invites a different partner organization each month to comment on how the partnership has benefitted both organizations.



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Established in 1975, the [International Food Policy Research Institute \(IFPRI\)](#) provides research-based policy solutions to sustainably reduce poverty and end hunger and malnutrition in developing countries. It is a research center of [CGIAR](#), a worldwide partnership engaged in agricultural research for development.

IFPRI's vision is a world free of hunger and malnutrition. Its mission is to provide research-based policy solutions that sustainably reduce poverty and end hunger and malnutrition. IFPRI's Strategy Refresh 2018–2020 focuses on five strategic research areas: Fostering Climate-Resilient and Sustainable Food Supply; Promoting Healthy Diets and Nutrition for All; Building Inclusive and Efficient Markets, Trade Systems, and Food Industry; Transforming Agricultural and Rural Economies; and Strengthening Institutions and Governance. Each of the five strategic research areas considers gender within all research questions and throughout the research process.

For four decades, IFPRI has partnered with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) to generate cutting-edge technical knowledge and enhanced expertise in support of food security and improved nutrition for all, and towards making agriculture and food systems more inclusive, productive, resilient, and sustainable.

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FAO GLOBAL HIGHLIGHTS

World Food Day Highlights Urgent Need to Step-up Efforts to End Hunger and Malnutrition



16 October 2018, Rome - The official World Food Day ceremony took place in Rome where high-level officials called for stronger political will and more financial support to end hunger and malnutrition in all its forms.

"The struggle against hunger urgently demands generous financing, the abolition of trade barriers and, above all, greater resilience in the face of climate change, economic crises and warfare," Pope Francis said in a special message read out at the event.

"We need to put in place food systems that provide healthy and nutritious food that are accessible and affordable for everyone," said FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva in his address.

FAO Special Goodwill Ambassadors for nutrition, Queen Letizia of Spain and King Letsie III of Lesotho, along with Gilbert F. Hounbo, President of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and David Beasley, Executive Director of the World Food Programme (WFP) also spoke at the event.

Following the ceremony, heads of state, ministers and senior representatives from the private sector and civil society participated in two high-level panels on Zero Hunger challenges and solutions. Panelists discussed climate change, conflict, migration, poverty and the double burden of hunger and obesity, as well as ways to adapt to or overcome these challenges through nutrition education, improved food systems, social protection, agroecology, the preservation of biodiversity, the empowerment of family farmers, and more.

World Food Day and Week coincided with the 45th session of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS). Other events held at FAO headquarters included the launch of FAO's State of Food and Agriculture in the World report. [Read the full Story](#)

Committee on World Food Security Focuses on Food Systems and Nutrition



19 October, Rome - The Committee on World Food Security (CFS) wrapped up its 45th Session, tasking itself with formulating Voluntary Guidelines for Food Systems and Nutrition for approval in 2020.

The guidelines will advise governments and other stakeholders on appropriate policies, investments and institutional arrangements needed to assure everyone has "available, affordable, acceptable and safe" diets in line with their beliefs and cultures.

"Because of its inclusiveness, CFS is a powerful engine for combining political will and relevant knowledge towards zero hunger," said Mario Arvelo, CFS Chair and Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the United Nations' Rome-based food and agriculture agencies. "Building on the success of this session, we are all expected to renew our commitment as the range of participants expands to all potential partners, because eradicating hunger and all forms of malnutrition by 2030 can only be possible if everyone is on board."

Nutrition is a growing concern as the number of obese people in the world is rapidly catching up with the number of hungry. There are 672 million obese and 821 million hungry people in the world, according to [FAO's latest SOFI assessment](#).

A global thematic event, opened by CFS Chair Mario Arvelo, was held to review on-the-ground experiences related to the [Voluntary Guidelines](#) to Support the Progressive Realization of the Right to Adequate Food in the Context of National Food Security, which marked the first attempt by UN Member States to commit to integrating human rights into food and agriculture issues.

The week-long CFS 45 hosted more than 50 side events where debates were held on many subjects ranging from urbanization, to climate change, tenure security and livestock, and a major new publication on [World Livestock](#) was also launched. [Read the full story](#)

Lawmakers' Action Key to Ending Hunger and Ensuring Healthy and Sustainable Diets For All

29 October 2018, Madrid – It is essential that parliaments around the world act without delay to adapt and improve legal, political and institutional frameworks to end hunger and ensure nutritious and healthy diets for all, FAO Director-General José Graziano da Silva said at first the [Global Parliamentary Summit against Hunger and Malnutrition](#).

"You can guarantee that food and nutrition security is at the top of the political and legislative agenda," Graziano da Silva stressed before nearly 200 parliamentarians gathered at the [Global Parliamentary Summit against Hunger and Malnutrition](#) taking place in Madrid.

The Global Parliamentary Summit against Hunger and Malnutrition seeks to advance political will, as expressed by parliaments, to achieve [Sustainable Development Goal 2](#) (SDG2) at the international level. [Read the full story](#)



FAO FLAGSHIP PUBLICATIONS



2018 State of Food and Agriculture

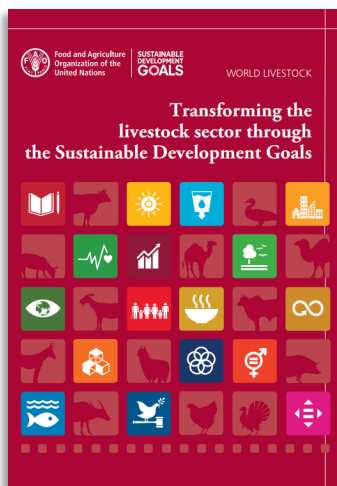
This year's edition of the State of Food and Agriculture looks at how internal and international migratory flows link to economic development, demographic change, and natural-resource pressure. The report provides a thorough analysis of the factors in rural areas which contribute to migration decisions and recommends tailored policy and investment responses to make migration work for all.

Read [The State of Food and Agriculture \(2018\)](#):

[Flyer](#)
[In Brief](#)
[Full Report](#)
[Press Release](#)

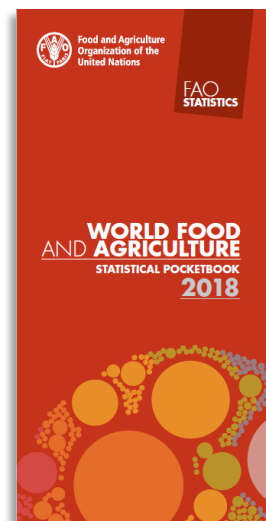
Parliamentary Alliances Against Hunger and Malnutrition

In conjunction with The Global Parliamentary Summit against Hunger and Malnutrition (Madrid, 29–30 October 2018), FAO produced [materials](#) to cover important themes including food labelling to improve nutrition, and the key role played by parliamentary alliances in the realization of the right to adequate food.



Harnessing the power of livestock to drive sustainable development

A new FAO [report](#) highlights the multiple contributions made by the global livestock sector — especially to the lives of millions of poor, animal-dependent small-scale producers in developing countries — but also says that changes in policies and practices are needed in order to optimize those contributions.



World Food and Agriculture—Statistical Pocketbook 2018

This [publication](#) presents selected key indicators related to agriculture and food security, as well as a variety of dimensions of agriculture and food security along four focus areas: setting, hunger dimensions, food supply, and environment.

FAO AND THE UNITED STATES & CANADA

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) has deep roots in North America. The Organization was conceived of during a meeting in Hot Springs, Virginia, United States in 1943 and its first headquarters was located in Washington, DC. In 1945, FAO was formally established as a specialized agency by the newly created United Nations during its very first session, which was held in Quebec City, Canada. FAO's headquarters was permanently moved to Rome, Italy in 1951. The FAO Liaison Office for North America, based in Washington, DC, continues to strengthen the Organization's partnership with Canada and the United States.

FAO shares with Canada and the United States a vision of how to achieve a world without hunger and poverty. Both member states have been working closely with FAO since its inception more than 70 years ago. Canada and the United States both play critically important leadership roles within FAO and they are also among the Organization's largest financial supporters.

FAO's Liaison Office for North America works to support and implement FAO policies and programs through strategic partnerships with governments and other key stakeholders based in Canada and the United States, including civil society organizations, multilateral institutions, research centers and think tanks, the private sector, philanthropic foundations, and the media.

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